

- Escorted to school in New Orleans
- Four federal marshals carrying guns
- “Just walk straight and don’t look back.”

- Ruby Bridges, 6 years old
- Starched white dress and new shoes
- Wanted to go to school with her friends
- For entire first grade year was alone with one teacher in the classroom

- Angry, shouting crowds
- Mobs of protesters carrying signs
- People threw rocks rotten food, bricks, bottles full of gasoline
- Yelled slurs and called names



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- Ruby was afraid of the crowds and sad to be by herself
- Ruby’s family was afraid for her but understood the importance of the event
- The federal government was bound to enforce the decision and ensure Ruby’s safety
- The crowds feared change and unknown

- Ruby was a smart and sensitive person
- Especially liked word puzzles and math
- Went outside in the schoolyard only a couple of times, escorted by plain-clothed officers